

313.305 Biennial renewal of license -- Completion of continuing education courses a prerequisite to license renewal -- Notification of change of address.

- (1) Each person who is licensed to practice dental hygiene in the Commonwealth shall, by the thirty-first day of December of each even-numbered year, register with the board and maintain satisfactory evidence of completion of continuing education as provided in this section. The registration shall be made on a form prescribed by the board and furnished by the board's executive director and shall include the licensee's name, address, license number, and any other available information that the board may consider necessary. All registrations shall be in effect for the two (2) year period beginning on the first day of January of the following odd-numbered year and ending on the last day of December of the following even-numbered year.
- (2) By December 31 of each biennial licensing period as provided in subsection (1) of this section, every dental hygienist licensed to practice in this state shall return to the board evidence satisfactory to the board that the dental hygienist has accumulated a sufficient number of points for continuing dental hygienist education in accordance with a schedule of points which shall be adopted by the board. Continuing dental hygienist education shall include completion of the course described in KRS 214.610(1) at least one (1) time every ten (10) years, but the board may in its discretion require completion of the course more frequently. In approving continuing education activities, the board shall develop criteria to determine the actual effect upon the competency of the participant. However, the board, in its discretion, may make exceptions to the point requirement for continuing dental hygienist education for any hardship or other extenuating circumstances that the board deems appropriate.
- (3) By December 31 of each biennial licensing period as provided in subsection (1) of this section, every dental hygienist licensed to practice in this state shall return to the board the hygienist's renewal notice properly signed and a fee prescribed by the board by administrative regulation subject to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A. The dental hygienist shall then receive a license renewal certificate, if compliance with the requirements of subsection (1) of this section is met. The biennial renewal license fee shall be established by the board in an amount as is necessary to maintain the level of the revolving fund in accordance with the provisions of KRS 313.080. The license fee for each licensing period shall be set biennially by the board. Notice of change in the amount of license renewal fee shall be given to each dental hygienist licensed in the state by the board not later than thirty (30) days prior to each renewal period.
- (4) Any license granted by the board shall be suspended if the holder fails to submit a properly completed renewal application to the board, with payment of a renewal fee, as required in this section. For purposes of this section, any renewal application shall be deemed timely submitted if it is delivered to the board office by December 31, or duly mailed and postmarked by that date. Any license thus suspended may be restored by the board upon the payment to the board of the biennial registration fee and, in addition thereto, of a reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) within one (1) year after the suspension.

- (5) Each dental hygienist licensed to practice under this chapter shall notify the board in writing of any change in the licensee's name, office address, or employment within ten (10) days after the change has taken place.

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